



Victoria and Her Grandchildren.

The accident reported recently to one of the little Princesses Butteneberg undoubtedly had a pronounced effect upon the English queen, who is devotedly attached to all the Butteneberg children. Only a few weeks ago one of the London weeklies told how, a day or two before, the queen was busily looking over and signing important state papers, using, as usual, one of her favorite big quill pens. The youngsters were in the room, bothering as only youngsters can, and the ruler on whose dominion the sun never sets tried in vain to get them to be off. At last they proposed a bargain. "Gran," they said, "give us each one of those lovely, feathery pens."

The price was considered low for the service, and it was quickly paid, and peace and Victoria reigned together for the rest of the morning.

Grandma Way's Say.

Grandma Way of Fairbury, Ills., who has just celebrated her one hundred and second birthday, says: "I bear people talking of hard times now. Why, if there who are indulging in that kind of talk should have half as hard times as I have experienced in my life the insatiable would have to be established in every county and would be enlarged to build the crown. Many times have I taken the ax and gone with my brothers and sisters to the hills of Virginia and cut wood. We girls used to cut just as much wood as the boys. We would swing the axes with every bit as much vim as they. Where's there a girl of 5 years nowadays that will do work like that? Many times have I taken a hired man's place in the field with a hoe, cultivating tobacco, corn and even cotton."

A Tea and Shopping Club.

Women came late a further square foot of her rights—the other day in London when another club devoted exclusively to feminine membership was opened. It is the Tea and Shopping club, in Regent street, inaugurated with the object of providing for the comfort and convenience of ladies visiting the west end for shopping or other purposes. Gentlemen may be admitted as guests, but will not be allowed to penetrate farther than the first floor. It will be an Adelaisse Eden above stairs. Two of the rules are that the conduct of a servant shall in no instance be made a subject of personal reprimand by any member, and that "no member shall give money or gratuity to any servant of the club." There is a committee of ladies, with a mere man secretary.—London Sun.

A Vassar Bathologist.

The General Alumni association of Vassar college covered itself with glory at its recent annual meeting in electing Mrs. J. Wailes Chappney to the office of president. Mrs. Chappney is the personification of gracious womanliness, and she added much to the charm of the dinner which followed the election by her graceful tact. Mrs. Chappney's reputation as a writer is too well known for comment. She is an enthusiastic supporter of Vassar, and one of the most entertaining of the many odd magazine stories that have come from her pen is "The Vassar Girl." When a student at the college, she was one of the party who went with Professor Maria Mitchell to a western city to make observations of a total eclipse of the sun.—New York Letter.

Small Women Preach?

The Sunday School Times of Philadelphia, having been taken to task for standing on unscriptural ground regarding women speaking in church, reaffirms its belief that "it is certainly a fair inference from the spirit and teaching of Paul that he would rejoice in the efficient service and sound words of Christian women today in the Sunday school and in the missionary field."

That women as well as men are divinely called to the ministry, and that no one has a right to exclude them is the conclusion reached by Rev. J. S. Hughes in an article in The Christian Evangelist and by Rev. J. M. Jay in a sermon reported in The Brethren Evangelist.

Her Words Take Hold.

Esther G. Frame and N. B. Frame for more than 20 years have been preaching with wonderful effect in scores of states, east, west and south. While they are ministers of the Friends' church, they work among all Protestant denominations and are everywhere welcomed and beloved. They are now conducting a series of meetings in Des Moines. Mrs. Frame was born in Wayne county, Ind., that Quaker community which has fostered many progressive men and women.—Des Moines Letter.

A Child's Suggestion.

Mrs. Theodore Sutro's well known charity is directed more particularly toward children, although she is actively interested in charitable enterprises of all kinds. She is vice president of the New York Kindergarten and Potted Plant Association, of which Mrs. George J. Gould is president, and which owes its origin to the thoughtful action of a child who once brought a 5 cent piece to Mrs. Sutro and asked her to buy some flowers with it for poor children.—New York Herald.

IS THE SOUTH A WOMAN'S HEAVEN?

A Louisiana Lascivious Thinks So and Gives Interesting Reasons.

The title of a lecture by a Mrs. Field of New Orleans recently was "Come South, Young Woman." She said she was a writer on the only good daily in the world that is owned by a woman, referring to The Picayune and its owner, Mrs. E. J. Nicholson. Of Louisiana she said that it was waiting to be吞ed up into small holdings by young Cordon and Phyllis, who will grow cotton for the central factories, have market gardens, orchards, dairy farms and poultry yards, and who will also grow flowers and make honey. Soups of Louisiana are already possessing a woman steamboat captain—Mary Miller—and as "she that builds a monument to the memory of a woman who never had on a kid glove in all her life, who could not write her name, who was only great in her goodness. That was Margaret Haughley, the baker woman whose houses built by themselves and yet feed thousands of hungry ones."

Mrs. Field said that she had seen a kitchen garden whose products equaled any shown at the Chicago fair, and yet they were raised by two young girls. Near by, in the same parish of Cameron, a young Iowa girl squatter, with her 16-year-old brother, took up a government claim of 160 acres and went to planting rice, the first crop of which paid her \$1,200. She lives in a three room cottage and has a few fruit trees, plenty of good fences and a sea of waving rice blades. Her nearest neighbor is another girl farmer, who also settled a government claim and is growing an orchard that is already giving her a comfortable living. The lecturer also told a story of a woman who is dressmaking in Chicago and who bought 20 acres of Louisiana land out of her savings and sent her mother and brother down there to start a poultry farm. They have been so successful that she is about to join them and add small fruits and vegetables to the crops on her land, being assured of becoming independent shortly.

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Katherine L. Minor of the board of lady managers of the Columbian exposition is a Louisiana planter, and according to this lectures in every part of the country are women farmers, stock raisers and planters. Mrs. Field herself wears a medal that was the gift of the women of 20 different trades and professions followed by the working women of New Orleans. "Women are a power in the south," she says—though that is not a new idea—"of fearful force when they organize. I claim it was the women of Louisiana who killed the Louisiana lottery. When the Women's Antislavery League was formed, the lottery leaders practically admitted that they had got their Waterloo." As for the question whether women are safe in the south, she answers boldly that "every man is her guard of honor." Accompanied only by a 12-year-old lad she says she traveled 1,800 miles in a private vehicle in Louisiana safe and unharmed. She says that every man's hat is off to the working woman, and she holds securely whatever position her virtue, her brains and her blood demand. "Come south, young woman," she says, "and you will flavor there, fragrancing all the air. There you will learn what it is to be free, and there a woman may be as she will—an art in the morning, a bee at noon, and a butterfly at night."—New York Sun.

Illinois Women at Work.

Mrs. Mary E. Holmes, president of the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association, has issued a letter to her coworkers, in which she says: As this is an oil year politically, it would be a good time to obtain an enrollment of the state by the plan proposed by Henry B. Blackwell. It is an excellent way to do suffrage work. It converts many, and it causes others to commit themselves in favor of our cause. The Twin cities do not under the able management of Mrs. M. K. East, has already begun this good work of enrollment. When we remember last winter, and remember how nearly we gained a victory, we see the necessity of doing all we can to send the friends of equal suffrage to Springfield.

American Women and the Queen.

Numbers of Americans who aspire to a court presentation during the coming season must come provided with unusual influence and patience. The number is to be limited to 200 at each drawing room in order to avoid the disgraceful crush that is often seen at these functions. Last year nearly 400 were sometimes present, and many tempers and gowls were consequently spoiled. Mrs. Lindau, wife of the military attaché of the embassy, and Miss Roosevelt, daughter of the secretary of legation, are the only American names thus far on the first list.—London Correspondent.

Baltimore's Women's Club.

Although it has been in a flourishing state of existence for several years, the Woman's Literary Club of Baltimore was never formally incorporated until the present season. At a recent meeting a regular charter was drawn up and offered to those present, who, after being duly sworn, unanimously subscribed themselves to it as charter members. This measure was taken partly to preserve the unity of the club, there having been some talk among dissatisfied members of starting a new one on an entirely different basis.—Baltimore American.



FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

The child's dream on the right is a drah vision with brown rushing and belt. That of the baby is of blue embroidery embroidered in red. The older sister wears a silk home lace stripe old rose and white with silver embroidery. The smaller girl wears a blue and white striped dress with lace on the hem. The cloak is of green velvet cloth with Persian lamb trimmings. The hat is of white felt and plumes. The boy's vest is of heavy blue serge, trimmed with white braid, and made with a Russian blouse.

ECONOMY.

They Explained Why It Was Cheaper to Eat False Syntax.

The telegraph operators were telling stories again last night. The tall man, who has held a legal over the country, had the floor.

"You see a good many jokes in the papers," said he, "about the culture of Boston and the habit people living there have of using big words and correct grammar and all that. Most of you know that these take hours no foundation in fact. Now, I know better. I was receiving clerk in the Worcester Union office there a good many years ago, and some of the messages hand-

"One morning I had the cable window. One day a woman dressed in black and greatly agitated came in and injured the glass. 'What's wrong?' I asked. I told them it was a woman who had a blank, and then one of them asked for a blank. I told them where the blanks were, and one of them wrote a message. The other took it and read it five or three times.

"Just now I came over to the window and asked again how much it was to London. 'Twenty-eight cents,' I told her. She looked at me, and I said, 'The other woman came up to her and said, 'Don't you like it?'"

"No," she said, "I don't like it. That form is impudent. You say that Charles snubbed this morning, when it should be said that Charles committed suicide this morning."

"But," said the other, "if we put it in that way we will save 28 cents."

The woman who objected turned this proposition over in her mind for a long time. Finally she said, "I don't think that undergirding is excessive."

The other took the blank and read the message a few dozen times. "We're poor," he said, "especially after studying it all the places, and we can save 28 cents any easier."

"This partially convinced the woman who objected. "But what will our friends think?" she asked dubiously.

"I suppose they will notice it, but we can't help that. Then the two women retired to one corner of the room and had a consultation. After talking earnestly for 10 minutes they wrote out another message. So help me, this is the way I got it: Charles snubbed this morning. False syntax used to get me."

"And they paid me 28 cents a word for it. All of which," continued the tall operator, "illustrates one of the curious ways in which a woman's mind works."—Buffalo Express.

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